



**OSPD & MPDA**  
**SPRING PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONFERENCE**  
**Golden Moon Casino ♦ Philadelphia, Mississippi**  
**April 27-29, 2022**

**AGENDA**

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**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

6:00pm – 8:00pm                      **Faculty / Leadership Dinner (invite only)**  
*Orion Room*

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

10:00am – 12:00pm                      **MPDA Board Meeting (Lunch Provided)**  
*Indus Room*

11:00am – 12:45pm                      **Registration**

12:45pm – 1:00pm                      **Welcome**  
*VIP Room*  
[André de Gruy](#), *State Public Defender*  
*Office of State Public Defender*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

[Justin Cook](#), *President*  
*Mississippi Public Defender Association*

[Erin Briggs](#), *Training Director*  
*Office of State Public Defender*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

1:00pm - 2:00pm (1hr)                      **Appellate Update**  
[Justin Cook](#), *Asst. State Public Defender*  
*Office of State Public Defender*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

2:00pm - 2:05pm	<a href="#">Evaluation</a>
2:05pm - 3:05pm (1hr)	<b>Cutting A Path: Effective Written Advocacy in Criminal Defense</b> <a href="#">Honorable David N. McCarty</a> <i>Mississippi Court of Appeal</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>
3:05pm – 3:15pm	<a href="#">Evaluation</a> & Break
3:15pm - 5:00pm (1.75hr)	<b>Understanding Criminal Mental Evaluations</b> <a href="#">Amanda L. Gugliano</a> , Psy.D., Director <i>Forensic Evaluation Service</i> <i>Mississippi State Hospital</i>
5:00pm - 5:05pm	<a href="#">Evaluation</a>
5:15pm – 6:00pm <i>VIP Room</i>	<b>MPDA Business Meeting</b>
6:00pm – 9:00pm <i>Magnolia Room</i>	<b>MPDA Karaoke Night</b>

## **Thursday, April 28, 2022**

7:00am – 8:30am <i>VIP Room</i>	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:30am – 9:30am (1hr)	<b>End It For Good</b> <a href="#">Brett Montague</a> , Chief Executive Officer <i>End It For Good</i> <i>Ridgeland, Mississippi</i>
9:30am – 9:35am	<a href="#">Evaluation</a>
9:35am – 10:35am (1hr)	<b>(Ab)using the State’s Experts</b> <a href="#">John C. Helmert, Jr.</a> , Asst. Public Defender <i>Harrison County Public Defender’s Office</i> & <a href="#">Jessica Hept Bailey</a> , Asst. Public Defender <i>Gulfport, Mississippi</i> <i>Hinds County Public Defender’s Office</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>
10:35am – 10:45am	<a href="#">Evaluation</a> and Break
10:45am – 11:45am (1hr)	<b>The Solo Sleuth: How to Investigate without an Investigation Team</b> <a href="#">E. Carlos Tanner, III</a> <i>The Tanner Law Firm</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>
11:45am – 11:50am	<a href="#">Evaluation</a>

11:50am – 1:00pm <i>Magnolia Room</i>	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:30pm (1.5hr)	<b>Why Public Defenders Should Care about Critical Race Theory</b> <a href="#"><i>Yvette Butler</i></a> , Asst. Professor of Law <i>The University of Mississippi School of Law</i> <i>University, Mississippi</i>
2:35pm – 2:40pm	<a href="#">Evaluation</a>
2:40pm – 3:40pm (1hr)	<b>Human Trafficking and the Role of the Public Defender</b> <a href="#"><i>Sandy Middleton</i></a> , Executive Director <i>The Center for Violence Prevention</i> <i>Pearl, Mississippi</i>
3:40pm – 3:55pm	<a href="#">Evaluation</a> and Break
3:55pm – 4:55pm (1hr)	<b>Trial is the Default: Courtroom Tips and Strategies From the Delta to Desoto</b> <a href="#"><i>Michael “Mike” Carr</i></a> and <a href="#"><i>Jessica Massey Carr</i></a> <i>The Carr Law Firm</i> <i>Cleveland, Mississippi</i>
4:55pm – 5:00pm	<a href="#">Evaluation</a>
5:30pm - 7:30pm <i>Infinity Pool</i>	<b>MPDA Reception</b>
<b><u>Friday, April 29, 2022</u></b>	
7:00am – 8:30am <i>VIP Room</i>	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:30am – 9:30am (1hr)	<b>Strategic Wellness &amp; Self-Care in the Face of Layered Trauma</b> <a href="#"><i>Anana Harris Parris</i></a> , Managing Partner <i>The Wellness &amp; Justice Group, LLC</i> <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>
9:30am – 9:35am	<a href="#">Evaluation</a>
9:35am - 10:35am (1hr) <b>(Ethics Hour)</b>	<b>Ethically Speaking</b> <a href="#"><i>Donald E. Campbell</i></a> , Ph.D., Professor <i>Mississippi College School of Law</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>
10:35am – 10:40am 10:40am	<a href="#">Evaluation</a> Training Announcements & Adjournment